

Medicare and the COVID-19 Vaccine

The Louisiana Department of Insurance Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) works to help Medicare beneficiaries protect their health and stay aware of COVID-19 resources.

Things to Know

- Medicare covers COVID-19 lab tests and antibody tests.
- Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine. You will pay no out-of-pocket cost.
- Once the vaccine is available to you, remember that you will need two doses for it to be effective.
- For more information on vaccines in your area, contact your local health department.

Stay Alert: Avoid Fraud

The roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine is a reminder to protect your personal information and avoid possible scams. Here are tips to help you avoid becoming a victim:

- Never give your personal information or Medicare number to an unknown source.
- You should not be asked to pay any out-of-pocket cost to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- You should not be asked to pay to add your name to a vaccine waiting list.

Telehealth

Medicare has expanded services during the COVID-19 pandemic including telehealth services. These services help connect beneficiaries with providers without a risk of exposure. Some of the services available through telehealth are routine office visits, mental health counseling and preventative health screenings.

How to Protect Yourself

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.
- Stay six feet away from others.
- Stay home if you're sick, except to get medical care.

The following websites provide useful information about Medicare and the Coronavirus.

[Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)

[Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov)



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